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ELECTION

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¶1. (C) Japan will support a postponement of the January 9 UNDP Executive Board presidential election, MOFA Director General for Global Affairs Shinsuke Sugiyama told Deputy Chief of Mission January 9. However, Japan is hesitant to actively lobby against Iran's candidacy. Sugiyama agreed that Japan, as a major donor to the UNDP, has a very strong interest in closely watching all actions taken by the organization, but said that since Japan is not a member of the board it is difficult to directly influence its members.

¶2. (C) Sugiyama sought to assure DCM that although Japan maintains diplomatic relations with Iran, for the most part Tokyo's policy toward Tehran is in sync with ours. He said that Iran's continued refusal to comply with the resolutions

of the Security Council can not be justified, and that Iran's defiance is one of the most important issues on the international agenda today. Japan realizes, he underlined, that how we approach the Iranian problem is directly relevant to the U.S.-Japan alliance, and said Tokyo accordingly seeks to coordinate very closely with us on Iran issues.

SCHIEFFER